Proposal of new railway line from Nalgonda to Macherla via Nagarjuna Sagar

124. DR. D. VENKATESWAR RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh had proposed to Government for laying of new Railway line from Nalgonda to Macherla via Nagarjuna Sagar;

(b) if so, whether the State Government had stressed the need for such railway line as the area around Vijayapuri and Nagarjuna Sagar is ideal for industrial promotion;

(c) if so, whether Government have considered that proposal;

(d) if so, by when final approval is likely to be given; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) It has not been found possible to consider construction of this line at this stage due to acute constraint of resources.

Stock of box wagons and box "N" wagons

125. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) to total number of box wagons and "N" wagons with the Indian Railways, separately;

(b) the codal life of such box wagons and box "N" wagons;

(c) whether there is any scheduled programme for rebuilding of the above wagons; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) The total number of BOX and BOX "N" Wagons as on 31.3.96 were 32252 and 44630, respectively.

(b) The codal life of BOX/BOX "N" Wagons is 35 years.

(c) and (d) Rebuilding of 1000 BOX Wagons has been proposed in the Rolling Stock Programme of 1996-97. There is no programme for re-building of BOX "N" Wagons.

Alterations in Government Houses

126. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the balconies of a large number of type IV Government houses had to be reconstructed by giving support of pillars;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and when were those houses constructed;

(c) whether the matter has been enquired into and if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed to be taken against the guilty officials/contractors;

(d) whether a large number of Government houses were declared dangerous and got vacated for demolition/major repairs but were instead allotted to the CPWD staff;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(f) the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) No, Sir. 6 balcones out of 394 Type IV quarters in R.K. Puram, Sector VIII were found distressed and were given additional support of pillar, raised from bottom. All these 6 quarters have now been repaired.

(b) The quartres were constructed in 1976. Due to corrosion of steel, the balconies had become unsafe.

(c) Reasons for the distress are being ascertained and responsibility would be fixed.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir: 264 quarters in Delhi were takan over by the CPWD for repairs. Out of 264 quarters, 194 quarters were at various stages of repairs and some of the balance quarters were being used temporarily as stores by CPWD Field Units and a few were under occupatin of CPWD personnel on payment of licence fee.

All these 264 quartres have since been got repaired, vacated and handed over to the